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DEALING WITH IMPORTANT ISSUES AND RESPONSIVE PROGRAMS

THE PROGRAM AIRS EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 6 AM

Stacey Panas (Fairview Backpack Program 4-2-17)

Stacey Panas spoke with us about the Fairview Elementary Backpack Program which is located in the Crestwood School District in NEPA. The program gathers food for children who don't have food going into the weekend. We covered how the community could donate food or money. We also covered how programs like these are highly to students who are worried about eating vs. learning at school.

Joe Sabia – Dave Regan (Veteran's Promise 4-9-17)

Joe Sabia and Dave Regan came in to talk about their local organization Veteran's Promise. Both men are veteran's themselves. Their organization helps local veterans who just need basic help. If somebody needs a ride, someone to talk to, or just something to reach out to, Veteran's Promise aims to help as much as they can. We spoke about how they go about providing help as well as future events.

Anastasia Daniels and Sandy Scala (Griffin Pond 4-16-17)

Anastasia Daniels and Sandy Scala came in to talk about Griffin Pond Animal Shelter in Lackawanna County. Anastasia was an advocate for the shelter looking for volunteers such as dog walkers, animal help, etc. Sandy is a humane officer and we talked about being vigilante for mistreated animals. Together they advocated for Griffin Pond and time or money donations.

Tony Harding (Organ Transplant Advocacy 4-23-17)

Tony Harding came in as an advocate for Organ Transplants. Tony received has received two kidneys in his lifetime. We spoke about how people can sign up to be organ donors as well as tackled myths about organ donation. He also advocated for a local organization called The Gift of Life. His goal in the interview was to just bring awareness.

Bill Jones (United Way 4-30-17)

Bill came in to discuss his organization and promote summer programs for kids. We discussed at length how people can keep their kids learning over the summer while school is out. We also discussed volunteer opportunities.

Meghan Carnivally (YMCA 5-7-17)

Meghan came in to discuss summer programs at the YMCA. She also promoted their membership programs which help offset costs for their programs. She also discussed donations in general.

Mike Taluto (Penndot 5-14-17)

Mike is an employee of Penndot and came in to speak about upcoming roadwork in NEPA. We discussed on-going projects as well as public concerns with Penndot. We also spoke about driver safety.

Jerry Gibbons – Kristin Topolski (Volunteers of America 5-21-17)

Jerry and Kristin came in to discuss their organization and what it does for the community. Talked about unplanned pregnancy and providing a warm environment for women. Discussed events they have held to raise funds and awareness. Also talked about how people in need can get in touch with their organization.

Mari Olzhefski (Lion's Club 5-28-17)

Mari came in to talk about what the Lion's Club does for the community. It ranged from helping people offset costs for needs as well as being a helping hand in the community. We also talked about how to get involved in the organization and volunteer.

Jenny Blanchard (Catherine McCauley Center 6-4-17)

Jenny spoke about what her organization does, serve Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties homeless population specifically but not limited to women and children. They assist with housing needs as well as employment training. We also discussed their upcoming golf tournament and how to get involved by playing or donation.

Corty Braun (Blue Chip Animal Farm 6-11-17)

We discussed how Blue Chip Animal Farm is a no kill shelter and what that means. We talked about how to donate or volunteer for their organization. We also discussed how to go about adopting an animal. They also mentioned their veteran program, they will hold onto a homeless veteran's animal until they can find a home.

Debbie Conway (Steamtown National Historic Site 6-18-17)

We discussed the Steamtown National Historic Site and how it's a unit of the national park service. We discussed what the community can see when they go to the site, historic info, trains, and etc. Debbie also talked about the need for volunteers and people to help drive the trains.

Alana Mauger (American Red Cross 6-25-17)

We discussed how the American Red Cross helps the community and the need for blood. Alana explained how summer is a challenging time for blood collection due to people being on vacation or any other summer related reason. She encouraged people to attend blood drives and the need for blood is the same in the summer as it is in the winter.